

U.S. ARMIES JOIN, MARCH ON ROME

Solid Front 20 Miles from Tiber



Breakthrough in Italy: Where the two arrows meet took place the historic junction of the Anzio beachhead forces of the Allied Fifth Army with the main battlefront yesterday. With Cisterna taken by storm, the combined armies, according to the United Press, have begun the march on Rome, with one solid front now extending from Pontecorvo to 20 miles from the mouth of the Tiber.

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES, May 25 (UP).—Allied armies from the Anzio beachhead and Terracina made an historic junction today and immediately began a great combined onslaught on Rome as doughboys smashed into Cisterna, outpost of the Germans' final defense line before the Eternal City.

Initially linked by patrol spearheads in the Pontine Marshes near the coast and along the Appian Way six miles east of Cisterna, the two Allied forces consolidated their union during the day into a solid front extending

Soviets Hail Italy Campaign

MOSCOW, May 25 (UP).—The initial Allied success in the new Italian offensive paves the way for the final defeat of German troops on the Italian front, "no matter what tactics Hitler's command chooses," the Soviet newspaper *Izvestia* said today.

In an optimistic review of the "daring and decisive" campaign, *Izvestia* said, the experience in Italy "shows that the Allied armies have everything needed to break through and capture the enemy positions."

more than 70 miles from Pontecorvo, to within 20 miles of the mouth of the Tiber.

The junction climaxed a lightning Allied offensive which opened 14 days ago and resulted in the greatest victory for Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army since it drove ashore at Salerno last Sept. 8.

Clark's troops, with the British Eighth Army pounding into the Sacco valley on their right flank, were driving the Germans in retreat to a final defense line—the "Rome line," hinged on Valmontone—under a deluge of bombs.

Using the greatest concentration of tanks since Salerno, the American wing of the beachhead army blasted into Cisterna after capturing the railroad station, but enemy suicide units still held out with machine-guns and anti-tank weapons.

The first patrols entered Cisterna at 4 a.m. after American armored columns had surrounded the town on three sides, beating off seven fierce German tank counter-blows. The village of Lavilla, a mile west of Cisterna, was captured, and 1,100 prisoners taken from the German 362nd and 715th infantry divisions.

The sea-supplied beachhead became the flank of the Allied main battle line at 7:31 a.m., when American engineers of the two forces clasped hands.

JUNCTION OFFICIAL AT 10:15 A.M.

The scene was along the coastal railroad besides Lake Fogliano, where the patrols met after advancing three miles from the beachhead perimeter and about 23 miles from Terracina. Lt. Gen. Mark Wayne Clark drove down from the beachhead by jeep and the junction was declared official at 10:15 a.m.

The Appian Way junction was made at 11 a.m., witnessed by cheering throngs of Italian civilians. The Germans interfered with neither meeting of the Allied armies, having withdrawn their coastal forces beyond the Appian Way.

Legions of planes, massed long-range artillery and Allied ambush parties were making the enemy withdrawal a nightmare, and fliers claimed destruction of nearly 1,000 enemy trucks in two days. American Warhawks today caught one group of 150 vehicles massed bumper-to-bumper at Ardena, near Valmontone, and set afire 50

FEPC Fund Hurdles Pitfalls; Vote Today

By ADAM LAPIN

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Over the strenuous objection of polltax Democrats and some Republicans, the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices was well on the road today to winning House approval for a \$500,000 appropriation.

A final vote is expected tomorrow, but thanks to majority leader John McCormack and Rep. Vito Marcantonio of New York, two tricky parliamentary moves designed to scuttle the small but vital war agency have been effectively blocked.

The House Appropriations Committee approved the appropriation for FEPC this morning, which was \$85,000 less than the \$585,000 asked by the President.

The President made the request in order to meet the requirements of the Russell amendment, aimed specifically at FEPC, which prevents him from allocating any of his funds to agencies in existence for more than a year which have not been authorized by Congress.

In approving FEPC, the appropriations committee declared that the testimony of Chairman Malcolm Ross was "a clear, fair, dispassionate discussion of a democratic policy of national importance that deserves the earnest perusal and consideration of the House."

TECHNICAL HURDLES

FEPC, like many other war agencies, is not set up in basic law and thus is technically liable to a point of order when provided for in an appropriation bill.

To take care of this situation, Rep. Clarence Cannon of Illinois, chairman of the appropriations committee, asked on Tuesday and promptly received unanimous consent of the House to waive points of order against the war agencies bill containing the FEPC appropriation.

But today, Rep. Malcolm Tarver of Georgia objected to this agreement on the ground that the full committee had not yet acted when it was reached.

When Speaker Sam Rayburn said the unanimous consent agreement still held, Rep. Francis Case, South Dakota Republican, appealed the ruling on a high-sounding parliamentary basis without mentioning FEPC.

Majority leader McCormack promptly moved to table Case's appeal, and this motion was carried 175 to 54. Polltax Democrats and Republicans who supported Case were decisively beaten.

But Rep. Cannon in a surprise move asked "in fairness to everyone" that the agreement be vacated and that points of order be allowed specifically and solely against FEPC.

Rep. Marcantonio balked this move by objecting.

"All this parliamentary maneuvering is aimed at FEPC," he declared. "So is this unanimous consent request."

Cannon assured Marcantonio that FEPC would be safe and would not be subject to a point of order.

"I'm taking no chance," Marcantonio retorted, "I object."

From CIO President Philip Murray came full support for the full appropriation asked by the President in a letter to all members of the Appropriations Committee.

Tito's Forces Kill 300, Blow Up Trains

LONDON, May 25 (UP).—Marshal Tito's Partisan headquarters reported more than 300 Germans killed and many wounded in forays between Trebinje and Nevesinje in Herzegovina. In Croatia, Tito's men were credited with stalling an enemy attack and disrupting communications by blowing up four trains on important railroad lines.



"Tabby," Marine devil dog, has his fangs bared for a hunk of a mouthful of "enemy" soldier, during training exercises at a South Pacific base. Marine pfc. Vincent Salvaggio, Philadelphia, Pa., tries to hold him in check. These devil dogs have saved many a Marine's life at the battlefield.

Housing Bias Bill Fails To Pass Estimate Bd.

By HARRY RAYMOND

The City Council's bill banning racial discrimination in semi-private and redevelopment housing projects failed to get sufficient votes for adoption in the Board of Estimate yesterday and was laid over for reconsideration at the Board's next meeting June 8.

Adopted by the Council on May 16, the bill—an amended version of the Isaacs-Davis anti-Jim Crow bill—would deny tax exemption to housing developments which discriminate against tenants because of race, creed or color.

The vote of the Board of Estimate on adoption was 9 to 3, with 4 recorded as not voting. This was 3 short of a three-quarters majority, or 12 votes, needed for adoption on the first roll call. A straight majority will be sufficient to pass the measure during the second roll call next month.

Surprisingly, opposition to the measure came from the administration which was split on the question.

Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick cast the three "no" votes, stating the bill "raises a false issue" and would "discourage private capital to invest in housing."

Deputy Mayor Rufus McGahan, who sits on the Board for Mayor LaGuardia, had his three votes recorded as "not voting." He gave no reason for his action.

Borough President Joseph Palma of Richmond, who has one vote and is an administration man, declared himself as "not voting."

Declaring the bill "the most monumental work the City Council has yet done," Council President Newbold Morris opposed his colleagues in the administration and cast his

three votes for the measure.

Voting along with him for the bill were Manhattan Borough President Edgar J. Nathan, Jr. (2 votes), Brooklyn Borough President John Cashmore (2 votes), Bronx Borough President James J. Lyons (1 vote), and Queens Borough President Jas. A. Burke (1 vote).

Action on the bill came after Joseph P. Addonizio, of the West of Central Park Association and representative of a high-pressure real estate lobby, violently denounced it as the "death knell to private housing in New York City."

"We just don't want that kind of housing in New York," declared Newbold Morris, challenging Addonizio. "If you want that kind of housing go down to Mississippi."

PROPOSERS ABSENT

"It is a shame we have to pass such a bill," retorted Morris, who single-handedly carried the whole burden of the fight for it. Not a single proponent of the bill was present among spectators in the Board chamber to challenge Addonizio.

A long statement opposing the anti-bias legislation was also filed by George H. Hallett, Jr., secretary of the Citizens Union. He, too, took the line of appealing Jim Crow by declaring the penalty of withdrawing tax exemption from guilty projects would be "so drastic as to threaten to defeat its own object and discourage investment in housing projects."

Although the present 9 to 3 line-up in favor of the measure will be sufficient to adopt the bill at the June meeting, it is still shaky. Administration forces indicated they will not budge from their present position of appeasement.

Letter at Sedition Trial Identifies Hitler's Contact Man

By ART SHIELDS

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Hitler's captain in World War One, Fritz Wiedermann, was named as a special Nazi contact man in America in the first government document to get before the jury in the sedition trial.

The document was a letter from Heinz Spanknoebel, Nazi-American agent, then stopping in Germany, to Chicago. It was addressed to Fritz Gissibl, veteran of the Hitler beer-cellar putsch in 1923 and leader of the Friends of New Germany in Chicago on May 28, 1933, when the letter was written.

The letter reached the jury late yesterday after two days of defense filibustering.

Wiedermann's name appears in a footnote, which escaped press notice the first day. In the footnote Spanknoebel advises Gissibl to "contact party member Wiedermann" at once, presumably in regard to the instructions in the letter.

These instructions, relayed from "the chief of staff of the supreme party office," ordered the movement to change its name to the "Friends of New Germany"—later the German American Bund.

Wiedermann remained a leading Hitler agent. As consul to San Francisco he worked with Laura Ingalls, Nazi agent in the America First Committee, who was later imprisoned.

Hitler's former captain spent some \$5,000,000 for espionage in America, according to the book Sabotage.

FIRST GOVT WITNESS

The reorganization of Hitler's Friends, was carried out in accordance with the German instructions, said the government's first witness, Peter Gissibl, Fritz's brother, and Nazi American leader, yesterday.

Herman Schwinn, one of the defendants in this trial, took an active part in the first convention of the Friends of New Germany in Chicago in 1933, said the witness.

Earlier he had also identified William Gerhard Kunze, Bundesführer, and August Klapprot, editor of the Deutsche Weckruf, Bund organ in New York, as among his associates.

Justice Eicher yesterday overruled defense objections to the Spanknoebel correspondence.

"The court rules," said the justice, "that this evidence is prima facie admissible as bearing on the plan shown in the indictment."

Hitler's plan, says the government, was to use the German Nazi organization here as spearheads in the drive to destroy democracy, in alliance with native American fascists.

Paymasters like Wiedermann were key figures in this plot.

Price Gouge on Clothing OK'd

The Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 25.—After approving the Bankhead amendment which is expected to raise clothing prices by about 10 percent, the Senate Banking and Currency committee will consider tomorrow two blockbuster amendments proposed by Senator Taft, Ohio defeatist.

The first Taft amendment would eliminate all food subsidies which are not specifically approved by congress by April 1, 1945.

The other would require Office of Price Administration to give consideration to so-called hardship cases, and would both complicate the price enforcement job and lead to considerable price-busting.

TEXTILE PROFITS SOUGHT

The Bankhead amendment approved today by a 12 to 5 vote was backed by the textile industry, and would result in an escalator system of pricing which would assure a profit to manufacturers for each and every item.

Other amendments approved by the committee would establish a board of review to go over OPA regulations, permit appeals from OPA regulations beyond the 60-day limit now fixed in the law, make triple damage awards for violations discretionary instead of mandatory, and prevent \$50 civil fines from being cumulative.

Rejected by the committee today were the Maybank amendment to lift price ceilings from fresh fruits and vegetables and the McClellan amendment to guarantee cost of production not only to farmers but to manufacturers who use agricultural commodities—which includes practically everything.

Amendments approved so far constitute a dangerous entering wedge for further crippling of price control on the floor of both the Senate and the House.

Movie Operators Local Endorses FDR

A resolution for endorsement of President Roosevelt's re-election will be put before the convention of the AFL, International Alliance of Theater and Stage Employees (IATSE) which opens Monday in St. Louis.

CIO Proposes Expanded Postwar Marine Program

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The CIO Maritime Committee today presented to the House Merchant Marine Committee a detailed postwar program based on vastly expanded world trade which will require full use of the nation's shipping industry.

As against a pending ship disposal bill, the CIO urged "ship utilization, not ship disposal" and "expansion, rather than restriction" of shipping.

The program, presented by secretary Art Phillips of the Maritime Committee for seven CIO unions, created a sensation among shipping industry representatives at the hearing and among congressmen interested in shipping.

"Agreement must be reached on a limiting of the spheres of economic conflict and a widening of the horizons of economic opportu-

nity," the CIO program said.

Other policies advocated include a planned transition from war time control to private, peace time operations: binding, universal, minimum wage scales; encouragement of American entrance into tramp shipping and indirect trades; adequate protection of our domestic fleet from railroad competition; and international limitation of subsidization to true operating cost differences.

The CIO program envisages continued industrial harmony based on labor management cooperation and nationwide uniformity of wages and working conditions in the maritime industry. An equal voice in policy determination for American shipping is called for.

The program points out that the American maritime worker has as much at stake in a sound operational program as the ship owners.

An Editorial Churchill's Speech

IN JUDGING Winston Churchill's latest speech, a great deal depends on what you are looking for. If one expected to find a fully-consistent, unified system of world thought, or if one forgets that Churchill speaks only for the British viewpoint in the United Nations coalition, many readers, certainly, may be disturbed. But if you remember that our coalition is unique and tremendous precisely because it unites nations with differing past policies, differing strategic interests and political outlooks on a common platform both for the immediate tasks of the war and postwar collaboration, it will be easier to maintain a sense of proportion.

We believe that the positive aspects in Churchill's view are decisive and lasting, whereas the shortcomings, while stubborn and irritating, cannot endure the test of the war's experience and the pressure of other interests in the coalition. By comparison with Churchill's last speech of Feb. 22, it is clear that the spirit of Teheran is working. It is solving and can solve all the major problems before us.

Basic Features

Several things in the speech were basic. First, his repeated advice that ideological considerations must be subordinated in the interests of complete victory over the main enemy, Germany. Second, his emphasis that all questions must be finally solved by consultation with the major allies, especially in the light of the Soviet alliance which he called "the foundation of British policy."

Third, is the fact that on specific issues, like Italy, Yugoslavia and, to a certain extent, Poland, Churchill has demonstrated his ability to change his views where the necessities of the war and the interests of the coalition demand. He sometimes claims undeserving credit when changes do take place, or he insists that his own views have not changed where they obviously have. While amusing, this is secondary to the major fact that progress is being made.

Churchill's general estimate of his Soviet partner certainly destroys Hitler's "Red Bogey." His approach toward building a real world organization out of the United Nations is sound and realistic. His definition of the Atlantic Charter as giving the enemy no rights and relieving us of no duties is sound. He correctly stresses punishment of Nazi war criminals and views territorial changes for Germany in terms of lasting security in Europe.

On Italy and Yugoslavia, Churchill has made the most progress. In his pledges of aid to Marshal Tito, he gives all the arguments for dropping the government-in-exile, although he is apparently not quite ready to do so.

The same may be said for the so-called Polish problem, where Churchill's position, if practically applied, destroys the case of the most reactionary elements in this discredited government. Greece deserves separate discussion, since we are not prepared to accept Churchill's description of the actual facts in the situation.

On France, we consider that his acknowledgement of the French Committee as the civilian authority during the liberation, his invitation to de Gaulle, his pledge not to deal with Vichy and his view of France as a fourth power among the United Nations, when taken together, make possible a speedy solution. If both this country and Britain will apply Churchill's own standards, will subordinate past considerations to the needs of the war's greatest battles immediately ahead, de facto recognition of the French Provisional Government cannot any longer be postponed.

Attitude on Spain

Those who recall Churchill's attitude in the war for the Spanish Republic will not be surprised at his emotional outburst in Franco's behalf. The only thing new was the continued passion of his partisanship.

Churchill's whole premise is wrong. Neither the British public nor most of the democratic world will accept it. Franco is not a neutral. He is pro-Axis. We need not thank him for anything; if he did not attack Britain it was not his neutrality but the deep sympathies of the Spanish people for the United Nations that held him back. The people of Spain are not neutral; we owe them help in their own liberation at least as much as we owe it to Austrians and Czechoslovaks.

Certainly, the Soviet people who had to fight Spanish fascists on Soviet soil will not accept Churchill's premise. Our own country, which is ever more menaced by Spain's intrigues in South America on behalf of Germany, cannot sympathize with Churchill's view. Certainly, nothing must be done to strengthen Franco against the inevitable reckoning as Hitlerism crashes to ruin all over Europe.

In any case, this issue like many others, will be solved swiftly and thoroughly as the great battle of liberation unfolds on the continent. This war, having wrought such changes already, will create the inescapable conditions for further changes, which unity of purpose and direction by the coalition can help to guide.



GEN CHARLES de GAULLE

Will Deal With DeGaulle-Eden

LONDON, May 25 (UP).—Gen. Charles De Gaulle's French National Committee will be recognized as the authority which will exercise leadership in France as the liberation of the country proceeds, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said today in the House of Commons.

He announced this concession in closing the foreign debate which Prime Minister Winston Churchill opened yesterday. Eden said that the British government hoped that forthcoming talks here with De Gaulle would clear up misunderstandings, "however formidable they may seem now."

Eden made it plain that while the Allies decline to recognize the National Committee as constituting the French Government, or even a provisional government, they have not the least intention of "infiltrating" an Allied military government on France—"or, indeed, upon any Allied country when it is liberated."

Eden said also that during the entire war Britain had made no secret engagements with any country, that no "deals" had been made with the Soviet government regarding spheres of influence in Europe and that as the result of the recent visit here of Undersecretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr., Anglo-American understanding of mutual policy had become "something new in our experience with the United States."

Franco Honors Unit Who Fought Soviets

The Spanish home radio said that two nurses and several members of the Spanish Blue Division, which fought against the Soviets on the Eastern Front, had been awarded military decorations by the German High Command.

Stalin Meets With Emissaries Of Pole Underground Council

MOSCOW, May 25 (UP).—Premier Joseph Stalin has received "in a friendly atmosphere" emissaries of the underground National Council of Poland, it was announced today, while an official organ of the Soviet Government again denounced the Polish Emigre Government in London as aiding rather than fighting Germany.

Representatives of the National Council, formed in Warsaw last January informed Stalin fully of the situation in Poland, of activities of the National Council and the Polish People's Army in a two-hour meeting last Monday, the announcement said.

Also present at the meeting were Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov and Mme. Wanda Wasielewska, chairman of the Union of Polish Patriots in the USSR.

Informed quarters said the Soviet Union was as anxious as Britain and the United States to settle Polish-Soviet differences before Soviet military operations are

7,500 Planes Rip Nazi Rail, Naval Bases for 2d Day

LONDON, May 25 (UP).—Broadening the all-out campaign to shatter German communications, some 7,500 Allied planes hurled about 8,000 tons of bombs on rail targets in Germany, France and Belgium today, concentrating their assault on French junctions from the channel coast to the Mediterranean.

The mighty pre-invasion assault to disrupt the flow of Nazi troops and supplies was paced by about 3,250 U. S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators and their escorting fighters.

Mediterranean-based U. S. 15th Air Force heavy bombers made their deepest penetration of France, flying a 1,200-mile round trip to hammer the extensive rail yards at Lyon, in south-central France. They also rained high explosives and fire bombs on the U-boat base of Toulon and its nearby rail yards, on the Mediterranean coast.

BLAST ASSEMBLY YARDS

Britain-based U. S. 8th Air Force heavy bombers attacked at least nine freight assembly yards and four airdromes in northern and eastern France and Belgium with a loss of four bombers and 12 fighters.

The unprecedented two-day aerial invasion of France by American bombers followed a 3,000-ton pre-dawn attack by the RAF on rail yards at Aachen, in Germany's Ruhr Valley; Antwerp, Belgium and military objectives in France. Before dawn, too, RAF Mosquito bombers made the third Allied attack in 24 hours on battered Berlin.

While the big American bombers ripped France from north to south, thousands of other Britain-based Allied bombers and fighters blasted other rail targets, airdromes, troop camps and coastal fortifications along the Atlantic Wall in France and Belgium.

ITALY TARGETS HIT

At Toulon, previously bombed, they hit among other targets the big Carnoules rail yards, 15 miles northeast of the former French naval base. In operations against targets in northern Italy, the Flying Fortresses and Liberators dropped fragmentation bombs on the Piacenza airfield, 40 miles southeast of Milan, and the Italian naval base at Montfalcone, 15 miles northwest of Trieste.

Other big freight yards hammered were Mulhouse, Sarreguimines, Metz, Thionville, Charleroi and Bialynville, all in eastern and northern France, and at Brussels and Liege in Belgium.

Chinese C.P. Leader Meets Gen. Chiang

Lin Tso-han, representative of the Chinese Communist Party, met with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Chungking Friday, according to a Chinese government spokesman quoted in yesterday's New York Times.

Lin, venerable chairman of the northwest border region now blocked by government armies, has been meeting with Chungking representatives for several weeks in order to break the deadlock which endangers China's war effort.

Chinese 5 Miles Nearer Kamaing

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, May 25 (UP).—Chinese troops in northern Burma have pushed five miles down the Mogaung Valley toward Kamaing, while to the southeast American and Chinese units have repulsed a Japanese thrust on the newly captured airdrome at Myitkyina, it was announced today.

On the Manipur Front in India, the Japanese suffered heavy losses in fruitless attacks at the edge of the Imphal Plain, a Southeast Asia Command communique said.

Allied forces facing Myitkyina made satisfactory progress on Tuesday, the communique reported without amplification. It said, however, that enemy attempts to penetrate the Allied-held airfield were repulsed as was a Japanese attempt to approach the Namkwil railway bridge, five miles northwest of Myitkyina.

(The Chinese High Command in Chungking announced that Chinese forces on the Salween River Front had captured Kaitou, 77 miles east of Myitkyina. The position of encircled Japanese troops in the northern Salween sector is now considered desperate, the communique said.)

Izvestia, official organ of the Supreme Council of the USSR, in commenting today on the arrival of the National Council representatives from Poland.

"Recently Sosnkowski (Gen. Kazimierz Sosnkowski, commander-in-chief of the emigre government's armed forces) set himself up as leader of the liberation movement in Poland and boasted that the Polish underground army consisting of hundreds of thousands of people was ready for action."

"This London liar has nothing in common with the heroic fight of the Polish people. Sosnkowski announces a march against Germany but in reality persecutes true Polish patriots who fight the occupation forces. Sosnkowski's agents do not shoot Germans but Poles who fight Germans. The process of consolidation of the Polish people goes on independent from the Polish emigres in London and against their wishes."

Negro Woman Leader Agrees to Run As Unity Candidate for Assembly

Thirty prominent Negro and white Brooklynites met Tuesday night and formed a Citizens' Non-Partisan Committee to urge that Ada B. Jackson, a prominent Negro leader, be a candidate for the State Assembly and that she enter the primary contests of all three parties, Democratic, Republican and American Labor. Mrs. Jackson said today she would accept the suggestion of the committee.

Declaring that any "unity candidate" for the State Assembly from the 17th Assembly District, Brooklyn, should support President Roosevelt for a fourth term, and have a consistent record in the fight for the needs of the people, the statement drafted by the Committee asserted that "after surveying the field," it has come to the conclusion that Ada B. Jackson "is the person who best fills these requirements."

"Such a candidate," says the statement, "must have had a consistent record in the fight against the polltax, discrimination of all forms directed against the Negro people and any other groups regardless of race, color or creed, and a long record in the fight for betterment of conditions in the community."

Born in Savannah, Ga., Mrs. Ada B. Jackson attended Beach Institute and Fort Valley High and Industrial School. She is a graduate of Industrial and Normal university, Langston, Okla., where she majored in Home Economics. She served on the faculty three years.

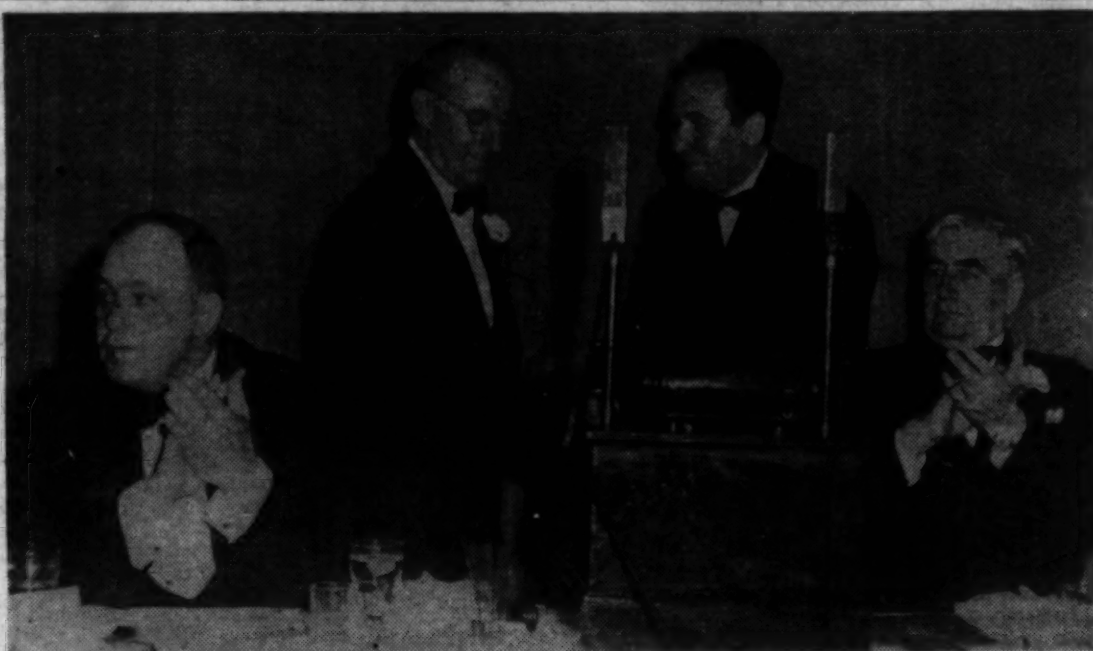
ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY LIFE
A resident of Brooklyn for the past 27 years and of the 17th A. D. for 23 years, Mrs. Jackson is an active member of the Bethany Baptist Church, and has served as president of the Hedge and Highway Society of the church for the past 12 years. She has also served on the YWCA Membership Committee and on the Board of Management. At present she is chairman of the Negro Community Committee of the YWCA and a member of its Study Committee. She has been active in the financial campaign of both the YWCA and the Urban League.

Mrs. Jackson is chairman of the Brooklyn Interracial Assembly, president of the Bedford-Stuyvesant-Williamsburg School Council, chairman of the Bedford unit of the A.W.S., president of the P.T.A., PS 35, vice-president of the United Parents Association of Greater New York, member of the Brooklyn Child Guidance League and of Dr. Nash's Committee on Health Education and co-chairman of the Bedford District Health Committee. She has served on Dr. Osburn's Committee on Home-School Relations, and as co-chairman of the 79th Police Precinct Co-ordinating Council.

A teacher in religious education for the last 12 years, Mrs. Jackson has served in a number of churches, including Bethany Baptist Church, Nazarine Congregational Church, Central Congregational Church and St. Phillips Episcopal Church.



MRS. ADA JACKSON



Painters Union Head Honored: President Lawrence Lindelof of the Brotherhood Painters and Decorators (extreme right) shown at the dais attending. Louis Weinstein, District Council 9 secretary-treasurer has just ended his speech. Vice-president Edward V. Ackerly (shaking his hand) and AFL secretary-treasurer George Meaney is at extreme left. The painters then swung to Washington where they held a two-day conference with employer representatives Tuesday and Wednesday on postwar program. —Daily Worker Photo.

CIO Hits Budd 'Union' as Fraud

PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—The sudden recognition of a new company union by the Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Co. was denounced as "fraudulent" by CIO leaders yesterday.

The United Auto Workers, organizing the 11,000 war workers, charged that while Budd had disbanded its old company union, following a court order with which the U. S. Supreme Court refused to interfere, the new company union was the same outfit under a new name. The UAW will continue its organizing drive.

The United Office and Professional Workers, which petitioned for an NLRB election on April 10 for the 1,500 white collar workers in the plant, will continue to press for an election. Albert Shepard, regional representative, called Budd's sudden recognition of the company union "a defiance of the peaceful method provided by the government for settling labor disputes. Labor has an excellent record in this area. So do most employers. But the Budd Co. is bringing industrial relations in this area into disrepute."

Church Tribute to USSR This Sunday

Prayers for the Metropolitan Sergel, late Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, and for his successor, the Metropolitan Alexei, will be offered at a "Tribute to Russia" service at Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Ave. at 53 St., this Sunday at 4 p.m. The service is in co-operation with Russian War Relief. Soviet Consul General Eugene V. Kiselev will participate in the service, along with choral groups of the Russian Orthodox Church. Tribute to the Red Army and Russian people will be made by Major George Fielding Eliot. Sidor Belarsky will sing the Soviet national anthem.

Report 2 SKF Clerks Arrested in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, May 25 (UP).—Gothenburg police have taken into custody two Swedish clerks of the SKF ballbearing concern and "a citizen of an occupied country," suspected of "espionage" on ballbearing exports to Germany, the Swedish telegraph agency reported today.

Kram to Oppose Barry In Queens Primaries

The fight to assure at least one of four Democratic Queens designations seemed clinched with Arthur Kram's announcement that he would oppose Rep. William B. Barry in the congressional primary. Kram

is a prominent borough Democrat. Barry was officially endorsed by the Democratic county executive committee in the new fourth district Wednesday.

Kram charged that Barry has not been, and is not now, a supporter of President Roosevelt and his policies. He insisted the voters have the opportunity to send to congress "a man pledged to the policies of the Commander-in-Chief."

"I am for the President 100 percent," he said. He added that "Roosevelt's reelection is a foregone conclusion, and for the majority's will to be effective it is necessary that candidates completely in sympathy with the President's views both foreign and domestic, be returned to congress."

Besides Barry, the executive committee made the following designations:

For congress, Third District—George H. Bruns, army major; Fifth District—James A. Roe, county Democratic chairman; Sixth District—Asst. Dist. Atty. James J. Delaney.

For state senator, Fourth District—George J. Gross, Flushing; Fifth District—Asst. Dist. Atty. Martin Schwab, Jamaica; Sixth District—John V. Downey, Jackson Heights; Seventh District—William N. Conrad, Ridgewood.

For members of the Assembly—Alex Del Giorno, Astoria; Second District—Assemblyman William E. Clancy; Third District—Miss Elizabeth Ring, Maspeth; Fifth District—Michael J. Cronin, Jackson Heights; Sixth District—Assemblyman William F. Bowe, Flushing; Seventh District—Patrick J. Barry, Jamaica; Eighth District—Edward F. Coleman, Flushing; Ninth District—Bernard M. Patten, Queens Village; Tenth District—Asst. Dist. Atty. William Kerwick, Ozone Park;

Teamsters Local Wants FDR Reelected

NEWARK, May 25.—Endorsement of President Roosevelt for reelection has been voted by AFL Teamsters Local 919, which has a membership of 300 in Newark and vicinity warehouses.

CIO Unions Map Drive for Rooney In By-Election

CIO shipbuilding, transport and electrical workers living in Bay Ridge and Red Hook met last night to rally support for John J. Rooney, Democratic and American Labor Party candidate for congress in the fourth district by-election June 8. Rooney, an assistant district attorney in Brooklyn, is opposing William A. Nolan, Republican machine politician. He is running on a straight pro-FDR platform.

Combined membership of the three unions in the district is more than 6,000. Local 39 of the shipbuilding workers predominate in the district. The transport workers have designated William Wagner as full-time worker in the campaign.

The CIO council announced yesterday a plan to mail every enrolled voter in the district the issues of the campaign. The American Labor Party and the CIO Political Action Committee are supporting Rooney in letters and circulars.

The ALP has organized an Italian-American rally at the Red Hook housing project on June 2. From 40 to 45 percent of the district is Italian. The labor party expects to put 150 campaign workers into the field.

Addresses of the two ALP clubs are: Bay Ridge, 4715 Fourth Ave.; Red Hook, 9 Lorraine St.

In the 11th district by-election, also to be held on June 6, ALP clubs in the lower west end of Manhattan and in Staten Island are getting behind Thomas V. Cantwell, the Democratic and American Labor Party designee. Cantwell faces a stiff fight from Ellsworth B. Buck, GOP nominee.

Several hundred ALP members will conduct a door-to-door canvass for Cantwell.

Soviets Feature Churchill Talk

MOSCOW, May 25 (UP).—The Soviet press today gave prominent display to Prime Minister Winston Churchill's speech before the House of Commons yesterday, with some newspapers devoting four full columns and two-thirds of their foreign news pages to a partial text.

News Capsules

High Class Clip Joint

Reacting to OPA charges, New York's Park Central Hotel, rolled back prices on specific foods and drinks for casual customers. It stood pat, however, on prices for permanent guests. The OPA says the hotel is also violating ceiling regulations by advancing rentals charged to permanent guests for a daily meal which included with occupancy of small suites with services. The case comes to United States District Court today.

Suffering from shell shock, seven Marine war dogs who survived something worse than even a dog's life during the landing on Bourghaville Island have been returned to this country. Marines say the dogs' obedience and general performance "left nothing to be desired."

Noted American author, Ernest Hemingway, in England to cover the invasion is recovering nicely after a minor operation for a head injury from a motor accident in London, Wednesday.

A case of not practicing what he preached resulted in a fractured skull for Jim Cooper, popular news-commentator. His automobile collided with another and he was thrown into the street. To Columbus, Ohio, school kids he's the voice which warns them to be careful when crossing streets.

Charles Kohler, 54, a watchman

at Bell Laboratories, 461 West St., was found dead at the bottom of the elevator shaft after the blackout Wednesday night. Kohler, an air raid warden started for the roof of the building to carry out his duties when the alert sounded. The elevator was found on the 7th floor, the top of the building, according to police.

Former chief claim agent of the Brooklyn Union Gas Co., 64-year-old Charles E. Cherry was charged with defrauding the company of \$50,000 by juggling damage claims. He was booked on charge of grand larceny.

One of the largest black market counterfeiting syndicates in the country was smashed when secret service agents arrested Harry H. Du Bitky, operator of the Belle-mir Press, 270 Lafayette St. and Max Spiegel, operator of Hermine Press, 183 Fourth St., Manhattan, Wednesday night. Zinc plates containing the reproduction of all ration stamps were discovered. On Spiegel's person was found a memoranda which called for the printing of 5,120,000 gasoline ration coupons.

At Washington the Navy announced that an explosion and fire on an ammunition laden landing craft at Pearl Harbor last Sunday, destroyed several small vessels and caused "some loss of life." A court of inquiry is conducting an investigation of the incident.

Labor Draft Bill Means Chaos, CIO Tells Hearing

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The CIO today launched a full-dress attack on the Bailey-Brewster Labor Draft bill before the Senate Military Affairs Committee, as spokesmen condemned the measure as more destructive of trade unions

Union Lookout

- A Short War Story
- Up, Down But Forward

by Dorothy Loeb



The meaning of real sacrifice in the war was brought home tragically recently at Sperry Gyroscope Co. A labor-management delegation had just proudly visited Mayor LaGuardia at City Hall and presented him with a check for \$168,300 for war relief and home front causes. The money was raised mainly by worker contributions, organized by shop stewards of Local 430, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers. Workers pledged 12 hours pay, paid it through payroll deductions. Elizabeth Schenck, a union member of the delegation that received the Mayor's beaming thanks, returned to the shop to learn that her husband had been killed in action on the Italian front. Schenck, who entered the army in November, 1943, was formerly employed by Sperry in the Production Control Department.

It may sound like a contradiction but elevator operators at John Wansmaker's have chosen Stationary Engineers and Building Service Employees Local 670, as their collective bargaining agency, according to Thomas Bagley, union business manager. There's nothing stationary about an elevator operator but then there's nothing stationary about the local either, except its name. This is the one dry-land union, by the way, that is affiliated with the National Maritime Union, and thus Wansmaker's elevator operators now take their place with the seamen, though their craft continue to operate on the usual up-and-down basis.

CIO packers have set a world's production record by packing 157 cars in a single week in May, according to Otis G. Nation, international vice-president of United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers. The tomatoes met this prompt dispatch at Trulyn sheds, Edinburgh, Tex., where UCAPAWA recently won a contract. Trucking facilities to bring garments contributed to Russian War Relief to warehouses from which they will be shipped are being provided in New York through the cooperation of AFL Teamsters Local 807. The local succeeded in arranging the participation of the Arbitration Authority of the Trucking Industry. As a result, companies loaned trucks and drivers volunteered their time at the wheel.

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NEW MASSES

Power Strike Hits St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, May 25 (UP).—Threat of a general shutdown of war plants in the St. Louis area because of a power strike was averted tonight when shop union stewards informed the superintendent of the Union Electric Company's giant Cahokia plant in East St. Louis that strikers would return to man the turbines.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 25 (UP).—War production, transportation and homes in this area were threatened with a complete shutdown on electrical power by a spreading strike at two vital plants of the Union Electric Co., which already had forced the U. S. Cartridge Company's small arms plant to halt production.

The strike was called by members of the International Operating Engineers Union, AFL, who refused to work under a foreman transferred from the Cahokia plant in East St. Louis to the Venice, Ill., plant.

The company began shutting off power to certain motion picture theaters and department stores to conserve power soon after a meeting with a federal labor conciliator ended in a deadlock.

Power to industrial plants was cut drastically. The U. S. Cartridge plant was the first to close. Officials of the Shell Oil Co. said they would be forced to close their new, giant 100-octane gasoline plant at Wood River, Ill., soon if power was not increased. The Western Cartridge Co. plant also faced a forced work stoppage.

The Union Electric plants at Venice, Ill., were closed and the plant in East St. Louis was expected to close. Company officials said power from remaining plants at Keokuk, St. Louis and Bagnell Dam would be sufficient to meet only the most vital needs of the area.

and labor standards than the Wadsworth-Austin National Service bill.

President Murray, in a statement submitted to the committee charged the Bailey-Brewster bill is "damaging and divisive," and urged instead the over-all approach towards production and reconversion problems contained in the Kilgore bill.

CIO counsel general Lee Pressman in a devastating legal analysis showed that the bill would permit the freezing of workers with some skill in common labor jobs. He said the bill would remove workers to any part of the country without real planning or safeguards and the drafting into the army of workers who decline to leave their jobs.

Pressman said that absolute authority to administer this drastic law is given to Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service Director, and that local draft boards would carry out his orders and determine which workers should be shifted and which frozen.

"What does a local draft board know about production?" Pressman asked. "They're not qualified. It's not their job."

Robert K. Lamb and Ted Silvey of the CIO national office then showed that in the ball bearings and foundry industries labor shortages, were held by army officials to justify a labor draft, were in fact due to poor wages and inadequate planning.

Lamb pointed out that CIO unions in the ball bearing field have long had a constructive program for improving the situation. The executive of only some of these proposals, he said, has already resulted in improving the situation.

Italy Gain Laid To Reserve Plan

WASHINGTON, May 25 (UP).—Gains scored by U.S. units of the Fifth Army in Italy are attributable to a new policy of pouring continuous replacements into combat divisions, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson disclosed today.

The Fifth Army's 60-mile advance from the Gustav line during the past 14 days, he told a news conference, "is due to the tireless energy of American troops in the Second Corps whose strength and freshness have been kept up by the new system of immediate replacements."

The system has also been applied to French units fighting with the Fifth Army.

"I might also say," Stimson said, "that this represents a demonstration of the importance of the efforts to obtain for our Army young and vigorous replacements which the War Department has emphasized so strongly during recent months."

Asked why there had been no official public speculation that the forthcoming invasion of western Europe might fail, he stated, "It would not be undertaken unless all concerned were completely confident of its success."

He said that in the conquest of Wakde Island in the southwest Pacific off New Guinea, 833 Japanese were killed.

Tito 51, Celebrates By Killing Nazis

Marshal Josip (Tito) Broz was 51 years old yesterday. The gallant leader of the heroic Yugoslav People's Army had the kind of birthday present he likes best: news of further Partisan successes against the Germans in Herzegovina, Croatia and Bosnia.

Trotzkyites Linked To Chrysler Strike

DETROIT, May 25.—The group of officials of the Highland Park Chrysler, Local 490 ousted by unanimous vote of the general executive board of the United Automobile Workers for violating the no-strike pledge, was tied to a clique of Trotskyites and included racketeer elements.

Long known as a nest of disrupters this local gained wide notoriety on March 9 when its financial secretary, Alex Petroski, was revealed to have lost \$16,745 of union's funds at race tracks and Toledo gambling joints. Petroski admitted that he has been drawing on the treasury since 1940 and is being prosecuted by the UAW's international office.

The 15 officers ousted by unanimous vote of the 22-man international board, included William Jenkins, the local's president. Vice-president Walter Reuther and others associated with him, apparently dropped factional considerations in this case for the local's leadership backed his group in the union's internal struggle.

TROTZKYITE SABOTAGE

The spark that touched off the Local 490 strike which curtailed output production of naval guns, was a dispute that first involved the Trotskyite-Socialist dominated United Retail and Wholesale Employees leadership in this state and the AFL's teamsters over Pepsi-Cola drivers. It was in response to an appeal for help from the URWE that the ousted leaders of the Chrysler local called a stoppage af-

fecting thousands. Efforts continued for stoppages in other plants and the AFL's teamsters called a retaliatory statewide strike that threatened to involve 45,000 drivers when responsible union leaders stepped in.

The disrupters have been exploiting a very explosive situation here, especially in plants of the Chrysler Corp. where wage standards are the lowest in the auto industry. Delay by the War Labor Board and gross inequalities have piled up a mountain of grievances.

The latest strike here is the walk-out of 1,000 bakery drivers. They deliver the output of some 5,000 inside workers of 46 baking companies.

Sam Hurst, president of the drivers' local of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters pointed out that wage demands have been pending since December, 1942. He said the small neighborhood bakeries would not be affected and deliveries for the armed services and hospitals will continue as usual.

Another serious strike, at Parke Davis & Co., was in its third day. Members of the United Coke, Gas and Chemical Workers CIO, disgusted over long standing grievances voted to strike through the Smith-Connally Act procedure. The plant processes blood plasma and penicillin.

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An event of great importance to men is now taking place on lower Fifth Ave., where a good selection of 100% pure virgin wool men's suits and topcoats are being offered to the public at the unbelievably low price of \$28.34.

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Labor Keeps Its Pledge

THE country's largest union, the United Automobile Workers, has served emphatic notice that labor's no-strike pledge will be observed unequivocally. This is the meaning of the union's unanimous general executive board decision to remove 15 officers of Chrysler, Local 490 for violating the no-strike pledge.

Coming at a moment when reactionaries are straining all effort to provoke strikes and national disunity, the UAW's action is extremely significant. Furthermore, it gives added emphasis to the stern warning of President Philip Murray at the recent steel union convention where a handful of partisans of those ousted in the auto union, also raised their heads.

The unanimity of the UAW's board is especially significant in view of the union's history of bitter factional strife. This represents a break with certain factional elements by some members on the general board, whose own position on the no-strike pledge had been questionable. The Trotskyite Norman Thomas socialists, double-dealing Social Democrats who support them, racketeers and such other allies, have been served notice that the union will not stand for their monkeyshines any longer.

Have Long Plagued the Union

These disruptive elements, and it is they who inspired the "soda-pop" bottle stoppages at auto plants, have plagued the great union for years. The step against them appeared inevitable since Pearl Harbor for they have openly proclaimed their opposition to our war aims.

Some of these Trotskyite-Socialists have held, and still hold, positions of influence in a number of UAW locals. More and more members have come to see how their objective to disrupt the war effort coincides with the aims of defeatists like Sewell Avery in ranks of big business circles.

It was a group of Trotskyite-Socialists at the head of a small local of Pepsi-Cola drivers who used their position to first engage the powerful union of AFL teamsters in a jurisdictional dispute and then to seek the aid of the powerful UAW locals through plant stoppages. Their collaborators in Chrysler, Local 490, responded, causing great loss of war production and nearly provoking a statewide counterstrike of 45,000 AFL drivers.

Grievances? Of course there are many serious injustices that must be taken up. If there weren't such difficulties there would be no need of a tri-partite War Labor Board to settle them. This was the heart of the issue in the Montgomery Ward case. The President had to act to preserve the wartime labor disputes machinery.

But, as has been said a thousand times before, the no-strike pledge is not a concession to anybody. No one is more interested in beating the Axis than labor.

Does upholding of the no-strike pledge mean that labor should lie down and accept injustices and abuses from profit-greedy unpatriotic employers? By no means! It is precisely in order to most effectively fight for a just settlement of its grievances that labor has to observe the no-strike pledge and utilize other available means.

Far more promising results can result by labor unity, support of the Commander-in-Chief, political action broadened to reach the millions and the exposure of disruptors.

But what about the government's responsibility? There is no way to justify a strike of 1,000 bakery drivers in Detroit. But how could anyone justify delay in deciding their wage grievances that have been pending since December, 1942? We still don't have the streamlined WLB that labor has been demanding since Pearl Harbor.

An Example for Entire Country

Cutbacks and its consequences—idle factories and idle workers—is another dark cloud. The whole country is watching situations such as the one at Brewster Aeronautical. Workers become complacent and doubt the urgency of the no-strike pledge when they see a major war plant close suddenly and its 12,500 workers receive quit slips. The government must see to it that shifts in production and manpower are orderly.

The example of the UAW's board ought to be taken to heart by all, especially by patriotic employers. They should see that they have more in common with labor than with the Averys. It is also to be hoped that due notice will be taken by those who are so ready to renew the cry for a labor draft every time there is a strike.

Labor, as a whole, is directed by a policy of national unity and resistance to those who would strain relations. The UAW has given us an admirable demonstration of labor's willingness to sacrifice and work for victory.

ROOTING IT OUT



— To Tell the Truth —

They're Ganging Up on Texas

By Robert Minor

THE most important split in a convention of the Democratic Party of Texas was in 1859 when Sam Houston was denied the nomination for governor.

To make Texas a state in the Union had been the life's ambition of old Sam, father of the Texas revolution, victorious commander-in-chief of the Texas army, twice-elected President of the Republic of Texas after its separation from Mexico, and then senior Senator at Washington after Texas had become a state. He wanted to keep it so. He had fought the slave power on the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, and had been defeated for reelection as Senator.



When the slavery issue came to a crescendo in 1859 and the effort was made to have Texas secede from the Union and join the slave-state Confederacy, old Sam came back into politics like a tornado to fight against the proposed destruction of his lifetime dream.

To beat the old General, his past was raked up. Even thirty years after the old man's death, when I was a small boy, someone warned me not to boast of being related to Sam Houston because "that man" was a Negro-lover and had run away from home at 16 years of age to live with the Cherokee Indians and had grown up to young manhood as an Indian adopted as a member of the tribe; he had been what they called a "renegade" and a "squaw man."

The Democratic convention refused the nomination to the old father of Texas, and nominated a secessionist.

Houston Goes Out Alone And Beats the Machine

So Sam Houston went out by "the cars," as they called the new railroad, and by stage-coach and on horseback from town to town and ranch to ranch as an independent candidate for Governor of Texas on the platform of keeping Texas in the Union.

Texas is big—you could travel almost a thousand miles in a straight line and still be in Texas, and the old man of 66 years rode and talked—and beat the machine.

The majority voted to keep Texas in the Union and elected Gen. Sam Houston as governor to see that it was done. But a lot of candidates than ran for the State Senate and House as supporters of Houston who were in fact merely getting into office that way. And they ganged up against him as soon as they were in. They took Texas out of the Union.

In March 1861 Gov. Houston refused to swear allegiance to the slave-owner's Confederacy. He was deposed from the governorship, and as the war broke out he went off alone to his last two years of life. My mother used to tell me that she, as a small child, remembered old Sam Houston riding up to her father's farm on the Arroyo Cibola (Buffalo Creek) in Wilson County, wearing an Indian blanket around his shoulders as he always did, and alighting from his horse on to the old red sandstone horseblock in front of the farmhouse. She heard her father, who was a country doctor, Gray Jones Houston, discussing earnestly with Old Sam.

Who won? Texas is in the Union. That shows that Sam Houston won.

Texas Paid Price Once; She Must Not Again

Because Sam Houston didn't win immediately, life in Texas was thrown back by half a century. In the biggest war that had even been fought up to that time, the blood of her sons watered the fields not for the welfare of Texas, but for stagnation, economic decline and two generations of less abundant life, fewer schools and poorer ones, wasted resources, retardation of industry and all the other things that Texas didn't want.

Sam Houston died in 1863 twenty-two days after Vicksburg and Gettysburg had turned the scales of the war. So Texas stayed within the greatest country the world has ever known, and grew to be its most rapidly advancing state.

Anyone who was born in Texas and lived there must always love

that tremendous land of prairies and mountains and swamps and cactus and horned toads and strong six foot men and good women.

And because Texas is and must remain all of this, Texas and Sam Houston's United States must win this war in 1944.

They are ganging up to split the state now. They are trying to help break up the national unity by breaking the unity of the biggest of its forty-eight states.

Texas Will Win This Fight Too

They will fail. Texas is becoming an industrial empire of great cities and towering buildings of steel and concrete and stone and solid red and yellow Texas brick. In winning the war we are building our Texas to be a land of more abundant life. Democracy is necessary for this. Whether you know it or not, I know that the whole vile Jimcrow system and the peonage and all the other reeking remnants of the greatest curse my Texas ever knew—slavery—are beginning to pass, and with accelerated speed they will pass inevitably and quickly and forever.

Because the penalty would be the loss of all the progress that we have made in the past eighty years but especially in these past five years in which the electric touch of modern industry has begun to make the beauty of this land shine brighter for all.

Fight it out, people of Texas! The whole world knows you are for the Commander-in-Chief and for the victory and for the powerful life that is symbolized when the sun rises over the prairies.

Before the fight is over more people than Martin Dies will rub their eyes and wonder that the Texas people, white, black, of Anglo-Saxon and Mexican blood, all, can be decent, intelligent, patriotic Americans, as good as any, if not better. Sam Houston's ghost, even now, they say, with that old Indian blanket around his shoulders, is riding at night around Fort Sam Houston, where I was born, peeking into the tents to inspect the thousands of the best and tallest and strongest and bravest young new Texas boys sleeping off the hard day's training for the war they are going to do more than their share to win.

Change the World

HEIZER WRIGHT, that bright young Daily News man with such a keen nose for the dollar, has just been acquitted by a Federal Court jury. He is positively NOT a Japanese secret agent, as the government prosecutor had charged.

His numerous articles defending Japanese conquest and rapine, all that sly pro-Japanese propaganda that appeared in the Daily News, all those heavy bank deposits which exceeded each month the wages earned by Mr. Wright have been taken into account by a judge and jury and formally found O.K., legal and 100 percent American.

Mr. Wright is free to go back to the Daily News to do some more expert writing on Japan. He can also pick up a dollar here and a dollar there, and nobody will ask him how, in this free and careless democracy of ours.

Mr. Wright has an official certificate of honest patriotism which he can now flash in the face of vulgar skeptics. Mr. Wright is positively NOT a Japanese Agent. He is only a man who works for the Daily News.

DOUBTLESS he hates Roosevelt and the CIO, and the Jews, and the poetry of Walt Whitman, and Russia, and Negroes who



try to vote. He is fond of Hitler and Ezra Pound.

But he never took a nickel from the Japanese government as reward for such views. He has our own government's certificate to prove it. Look! Read what the testimonial says in big black print: "Heizer Wright Is Not a Japanese Spy!"

It reminds me of an election held some years ago at a small town in upper New York.

Four candidates were striving for the mayoralty. One of them, let's call him Mr. Pfister, ran on a simple platform.

"I am the only SANE candidate in this election," he shouted, "and I can prove it. I have discharges from three insane asylums which certify that I am sane."

"Can my opponents show a single certificate testifying that they are sane?"

Thus the Daily News is the only patriotic newspaper in New York, and H. Wright is not a Japanese agent. Positively!

OUR people are deeply rooted in democratic habits. It is doubtful that all the campaigns of the Vierecks and Winrods can change them greatly.

Just the same, fascism is too dangerous to fool with. It is like cholera: you must always have an eye out for it. America has a system of control, even though we haven't

Heizer Wright and The 29— America's Integrity on Trial Too

by Mike Gold

known a cholera case since the 1880's.

Take these seditionists on trial at Washington. They make a farce and a madhouse of the trial, they threaten to filibuster their way to freedom.

In the course of their organized sabotage, they have made loud propaganda for fascism.

Emulating their Leader at Munich, they are trying to scream this trial into a Nazi forum that will teach our nation to cherish cholera and anti-Semitism.

Something is obviously wrong with the legal code when a gang of obvious quislings can get away with such stuff.

QUISLINGISM is new in the world. Never have large groups of people appeared who were devoid of the normal sentiments of home, fatherland, freedom and justice, or so willing to sell their own people into slavery.

The defendants at Washington are playing every legal trick permitted them under the laws. They have arranged a strong and effective defense.

Maybe you cannot convict them under the current laws. Yet everyone knows they are guilty of fascism and anti-Semitism. They have themselves loudly proclaimed this in the courtroom: they are fascists, they are against the Jews.

The conclusion is unavoidable. In order to save America, all who advocate anti-Semitism and fascism here are obvious quislings. They must be quarantined in some safe prison.

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Smaller Size?

Long Island City

Editor, Daily Worker:

I think the size of the new Daily Worker is still a little awkward. It should be cut down in size.

J. J. STERNBACH

EJ. Note: This is the first request of this kind we have received. Technical difficulties prevent any such change at present.

Waiting for It

New York City

Editor, Daily Worker:

Let me congratulate you on the "new" Daily. I have been waiting for it for years. It is swell.

B. B.

Three Suggestions

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Subway Edition of our Daily is most welcome, I would like to make some suggestions:

First, put Gropper on page one everyday, where this great people's artist can attract new readers to the truth. Second, publish cartoons of worth from the general press, perhaps on the editorial page. Third, perhaps you can get slightly lurid in the way of headlines. After all the Daily Worker exposed Mikhailovich at least one year ahead of the other papers.

BILL TANGENT

Three Events

New York City

Editor, Daily Worker:

Last week was a historic week. Three great things happened: first, our heroic Russian allies clean up the Crimea of the Nazis; second, the withdrawal of the red-baiting Goebbels of America, Martin Dies as a candidate for reelection to Congress; third, our heroic boys with their comrade allies break the Gustav line.⁵⁰

R. R.

To a PM Cartoonist

New York City

Editor, Daily Worker:

Because approaching D-Day time is precious and PM occasionally either disregards protesting letters or procrastinates in printing them; also because scotching Munich slanders against any of the United Nations must be given wider circulation than in any single paper, I'm taking the liberty of sending you a copy of a letter addressed to PM's W. J. O'Brien's who thinks Roosevelt can be reelected by destroying the President's labors in behalf of unprejudiced concord among the Allies.

In part I wrote him: "That picture of Roosevelt and Stalin and the words accompanying it in your May 21 letter to 'Dear Joe' are worthy of a Hearst rather than a William Jennings O'Brien. Everybody who fears and hates our noble Soviet ally uses your method of throwing in a few fashionable raisins of praise to sweeten the stew and then adds as you have done, 'But personally I'm for democracy.' Some of us wouldn't even dare go as far as you have and say, 'Better elect a poor leader than have a good one forced on us.'"

SAMUEL TUMIN

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the most discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Making the Grade

FEARFUL of the growing interest in plans for medical care like those in the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill or Mayor La Guardia's citywide health insurance plan, a group of doctors in Gary, Ind., organized The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons. This association has an eight-point program in which two purposes stand out—to sell the American people medical care paid for by the public and administered only by doctors, and second, to force doctors into line with its own policies.



We shall not here discuss the type of medical care it offers, because its newspaper is not yet specific about the type of plan, but it is very specific about what the doctor who disagrees with it can expect.

Realizing that, as the people become more articulate about the need for organized medical care, many doctors may revise their old views about this problem and that many of the younger physicians now in the armed forces expect and desire some changes in the present method, this association is laying the groundwork for keeping such "radical" spirits in line.

According to the spokesmen for organized medicine and what is taught about the doctor's social position in medical school, the American doctor has always prided himself on his individualism. His special skills and

training set him apart from the population.

This belief in his own individualism, like that of the working man before the days of trade unions, is gradually being shattered by the realities of medical practice in a competitive society, where the doctor is faced with economic and social problems even as you and I. Maintaining a decent standard of living, securing a hospital appointment, educating the public to care for its health through the press and radio, all bring the doctor onto the social scene.

In addition, the increasing cost of modern medical care, the inability of a large group of the population to pay such costs individually, and the growing social interest in methods of insurance payment for such care together with a voice in administering it, are forcing the intelligent doctor to reconsider his position.

TO TRY to wipe out these possible results of such thinking, which will bring the doctor into harmony with the new ideas of the public, the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons has announced that to implement its fight against the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill or any other method of changing the status quo in medicine with which it is not in agreement, it takes the following position:

"In order to sustain and support the fundamental principles deemed vital to the pur-

Old-Guard Doctors Like King Canute and the Waves

by Sarah Winston

poses of the Association, members will refuse to co-operate with non-members when more than 75 percent of the eligible physicians in any community become members. Members will not refer patients to non-members, will not consult with them, serve on the staff of the same hospital, clinic or other institution with them, will not do surgery, obstetrics, radiology, anesthesiology, pathology with or for them, or otherwise professionally associate with them. . . .

"Thus, with a substantial majority of American physicians and surgeons enrolled as members of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, bills to regiment the profession may be passed, but they cannot be placed in actual operation because a small percent of the physicians of the nation cannot provide the service contemplated by national compulsory health insurance program." (Vol. 1, No. 1—Laws of the Ass'n of American Physicians and Surgeons)

It couldn't be stated plainer. The first paragraph calls openly for boycott against physicians disagreeing with the Association's position, and the second a threat of strike against government action to bring order out of chaos on the medical scene. The search of the American people for modern medical care is to be further complicated by a fight for democratic and medical rights of minority groups among physicians willing to help solve this problem. Their support will come from the public, and the organizations of the people.

Liberal Party Lifts Poisoned Toast to FDR

By MAX GORDON

The Liberal Party convention last weekend was a study in contradictions. It endorsed President Roosevelt with fulsome eulogy and impressive demonstration, but the line of the convention, including the fact that it took place at all, was to damn him.

Dean Alfange, for instance, in his keynote address, gave as the reason for the party's formation the fact that reaction was "in the saddle," in both major parties. And the Declaration of Principles says a growing lack of faith in the two major parties is the source of the "uncertainty, pessimism, and even cynicism" about the possibility of winning the peace.



A LIBERAL RIDDLE

It happens that President Roosevelt is very much "in the saddle" in one of the two major parties. If his leadership is a source of "uncertainty, pessimism and even cynicism," then why

endorse him as the candidate who alone can win the peace?

This is one indication that the endorsement of the President was a phony. More important, however, is the Liberal Party's foreign policy plank. The plank complains that while the Moscow conference was a "step in the right direction," it has not been "implemented." It charges the Soviet government with deciding border questions "unilaterally" and with trying to establish a sphere of influence in Eastern Europe.

There is, curiously enough, no mention of the Teheran agreement, which was President Roosevelt's crowning achievement, together with Churchill and Stalin.

A HOLLOW NOISE

The charge of "unilateralism" against the USSR has become the stock weapon of attack against the President by all his foes. The argument is that Roosevelt's foreign policy has failed because he is permitting the Soviet Union to bolshevize Europe "unilaterally" by seizing Poland, the Baltics and the Balkans.

The Liberal Party plank falls right in line. In essence it at-

tacks the President's own position, which is that the basis for unity with the USSR, Britain and China has been laid, and all are united in their determination to win the war and establish a peaceful, secure postwar world.

The foreign policy plank then goes on to propose the immediate setting up of a United Nations Council as a remedy for this "unilateralism." Obviously, it conceives of such a Council as an instrument against the USSR.

That the Liberal Party crowd should take a position so contradictory to the basic policies of the President is not strange. It is after all composed of the same people who consistently cuss Stalin as the main enemy of civilization in their Social Democratic press, and who imply without letup that the Soviet leadership must be wiped off the earth.

But why, then, their endorsement of the President? The answer lies in the virtual political isolation of Social Democracy, now that it has been dislodged from leadership of the ALP. It needs an instrument by which it can exercise influence on the

course of events, and its specific job is to operate within the labor movement. No one today can possibly hope to gain any influence in the labor movement who does not support Roosevelt. In fact, the Social Democratic leaders could not be able to keep their own followers in line if they didn't back him.

IT LEARNED ONE LESSON

There was, incidentally, little red-baiting at the Liberal Party convention. My guess is that there will not be much of it during the campaign itself. The only hope the Liberal Party can have of establishing itself at all is to take voters away from the ALP and it has learned that red-baiting doesn't work.

Even though it has not attracted any but the Dubinskyite group that left the ALP, I think it would be dangerous to underestimate the Liberal Party. Its leaders have indicated they plan to run independent candidates for congressional and legislative office.

In close races, the few votes they can swing may prove decisive against pro-FDR nominees backed by the Democratic and American Labor parties.

Churchill on Spain Stirs Wide Criticism

American progressive opinion joined with most of the British public yesterday in criticizing those sections of Winston Churchill's speech in which he went out of his way to praise Gen. Francisco Franco, dictator of fascist Spain.

Churchill had said on Wednesday that he had "only kindly words" for Spain, insisted that fascism in Spain was just an internal affair of the Spanish people, and spoke glowingly of postwar trade with Franco's regime.

Through a mechanical error, the Daily Worker's summary of Churchill's speech yesterday failed to include that passage which dealt with Spain. This section of Churchill's remarks were written into our story, of course, but was dropped out in the composing room by indiscriminate cutting. For our estimate of the speech as a whole, including the passage on Spain, see page 3.

British newspapers, including the Morning Telegraph and the Daily Mail which rarely take issue with Churchill on foreign policy, found his references to Spain "startling" and "unusually warm."

The liberal News Chronicle published a satiric cartoon of the butcher Franco, with what Churchill calls a "rude caricature" crossed out, and another with a halo around Franco next to it.

The London Daily Worker was quoted by the N. Y. Times as calling the references to Franco as "lamentable," but additional quotes were lacking.

In the United States, the former foreign minister of the Spanish Republic, Alvarez del Vayo, gave a statement to the United Press warning that a fascist Spain represents a permanent threat to coming Allied operations in France.

Del Vayo said: "The protective measures which have been taken by the Allies these days to protect the invasion will be incomplete as long as they permit an outpost of Hitler to remain a threat to our backs. This is what Spain has converted itself into because of Nazi penetration and Franquist betrayal—an outpost of Hitler, placed right at the rear guard of the Allied armies."

BRITISH LONG-TERM POLICY
Churchill's position is obviously a product of many long-term factors in British policy. As our editorial on page 3 points out, it will hardly be accepted either by the Soviet

Union or by the United States.

Churchill's own support for Franco during the war for the Republic is one factor. Another is the definite strategic interest which Britain has in the Mediterranean, leading her to emphasize the status quo wherever possible. A third is the special project, as outlined by the South African premier, Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts last November, for a western European economic bloc attached to the sterling area.

Spain would come within such a bloc, which explains particularly Churchill's references to "extremely fertile" postwar trade prospects.

Marcus Raid KO'd Airdromes

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR
May 25 (UP).—Carrier-borne planes of a United States naval task force, in probably the closest approach by surface craft to Japanese home waters since the bombing of Tokyo, attacked Marcus Island Friday and Saturday and the former American island of Wake on Tuesday, it was announced today. Marcus is 1,671 statute miles southeast of the Japanese capital.

Four American planes were lost, with three men, and only two enemy planes were seen—one a ground-in attack which sent 148 tons of bombs hurtling down on Marcus from 373 planes and 150 tons from 354 planes on Wake.

Rear Adm. Alfred E. Montgomery, veteran of the raiding type of warfare, led the task force which attacked Marcus and then swept on to Wake.

Airdrome installations were the chief targets at Marcus. Ammunition and supply dumps were destroyed and gun positions damaged. A small cargo ship was set afire north of Marcus.

At Wake, 20 buildings were destroyed and others damaged. Storage areas and other airdrome installations were heavily hit. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said in his communique. Several small craft were sunk or damaged.

Eisenhower Thanks ACW

General "Ike" Eisenhower, in a message from England, yesterday acknowledged the pledge of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America and its 325,000 members to produce and supply the general's needs for the invasion of the European continent without interruption.

The message from Gen. Eisenhower was communicated by Major Gen. A. D. Surles, Director of the Bureau of Public Relations, War Department, in a letter to Sidney Hillman, Amalgamated president.

Gen. Surles wrote: "I have been asked by Gen. Eisenhower to transmit to you the following message in response to the pledge of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America: "On behalf of the men and women in my command, I thank your convention for its encouraging message of confidence. I thank you too for the pledge to continue to produce and supply our needs without interruption. This is the spirit which is needed to bring victory."

Gen. Eisenhower's statement was in reply to a cable sent him on May 15 last by the 14th biennial convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America in Chicago.



Rear-Admiral Ivan Papanin, who has been decorated for the second time with the title of Hero of the Soviet Union, for his work as head of the Central Administration of the Northern Sea Route, which has played a big part in routing Lend-Lease supplies through Archangel and Murmansk. Papanin's first award was made for his scientific expedition during which he and three companions lived for nine months on an ice floe near the North Pole.

—Sovfoto Radiophoto.

U.S. Held Soft to Nazi Captives

MOSCOW, May 25 (UP).—Accounts in the American press of the liberal treatment of German prisoners of war in the United States are "all the more strange" in view of the recent alleged German execution of 47 Royal Air Force officers in a "Nazi prison camp," the newspaper Izvestia said today.

Izvestia cited reports that German prisoners of war in the U. S. are permitted to hold fascist celebrations, and that the distribution of anti-fascist literature is not allowed because it "could cause trouble among the nervous Germans."

"The strangest part is that such pig-like behavior of German war prisoners not only does not meet counter-measures by camp administrators, but is even encouraged," the newspaper said.

Gen. Berling Visits Bishop of Luck

General Sigmund Berling, commander of the Polish Army Corps in the Soviet Union, paid an official visit to the Polish Bishop of Luck in liberated Volhynia last weekend, according to a Moscow report broadcast by the BBC.

The broadcast quoted the London Times as saying that plans were made to start a Polish newspaper in Luck.

The Times spoke of the "rapid growth of Gen. Berling's army" and said: "Moscow is firmly attached to the policy of liberation, and is likely to seek all means whereby the Polish people can be given freely opportunities to run their own affairs."

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The Secret of 40% Rise In Soviet Productivity

MOSCOW, May 25 (ALN).—Socialist competition has been the main factor in raising Soviet labor productivity 40 percent in the past two years, it is stated by Vasily Kuznetsov, chairman of the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions.

Socialist competition began 15 years ago, when the first five-year plan was adopted.

On March 5, 1929, the personnel of the Leningrad Krasny Vobzhelet factory issued a call to all workers to launch a competition for higher labor productivity and lower production costs.

Toward the end of 1929, over 1,000,000 workers joined the movement. Soon afterward, champion workers united in "shock brigades."

"IZOTOV MOVEMENT"

At the end of the first five-year plan, when workers and engineers were faced with the problem of operating new factories and mills, the "Izotov movement" sprang up.

Nikita Izotov, a champion miner from the Donetsk coal region described in an article in Pravda on May 11, 1932, how he mastered mining technique and trained other colliers. Thus started the nationwide movement to pass on the experiences of top-ranking men.

Three years later, Alexei Stakhanov, a Donbas miner of the Izotov school established his first record on Aug. 30, 1935, which exceeded the best achievements of Germany's Ruhr colliers 10-fold, and thus launched the famous Stakhanov movement.

Thorough knowledge of technological processes and devotion to their work were the features of the followers of Stakhanov, who set new records in labor productivity.

NEW GAINS IN WARTIME

Socialist competition has made further gains during the present war. By the spring of 1942, transplantation of Soviet industry to the east drew to a close. In May 1942, workers in iron, steel, aircraft and tank industries initiated a high output drive. The trade unions took charge of this friendly contest, which soon assumed countrywide scope.

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THE MUSIC DIAL Magazine presents its Jam Session at the Heat Wave Cabaret, 386 W. 145th St. on Sunday, May 28th at 4 p.m. Louie Metcalf and his Orch. with Lester Young, Syd Catlett, Ben Webster, Roy Eldridge and others. Adm. 55c.

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Brewster, UAW Meet on Layoffs

Union officials conferred with Brewster Aeronautical Corp. executives yesterday on scheduled layoffs resulting from cancellation of Navy Corsair fighter plane contracts but up to 7 o'clock last night there was no announcement as to the result of their deliberations.

It was reported in Washington that a delegation, headed by CIO President Philip Murray and including Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, New York War Manpower Commission director, were to ask President Roosevelt's intervention. The Truman Committee was said to be considering whether an investigation into the Brewster matter was warranted. Plans are also pending before Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal, who has been asked to review the cancellation decision and see if orders can't be continued.

S.C. Dems Send Dual Delegation

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 25. — Eighteen delegates from The Progressive (Negro) Democratic Party of South Carolina will seek seats at the Democratic national convention in Chicago in place of delegates elected here last week by the state lily-white Democratic convention.

The delegates were chosen yesterday at the Progressive party's convention, which called for a fourth term for President Roosevelt and even 10 terms "if these be necessary to continue truly 'democratic' government of this nation."

The Progressive party was formed in March after a special session of the legislature made the state Democratic Party self-regulatory in a move to forestall legal action to permit Negroes to vote in the white Democratic primaries.

Regular Democratic Party delegates were uninstructed although some were known to favor Roosevelt.

Teachers Rap Wade's Apology to Tablet

The action of Dr. John E. Wade, superintendent of schools, in apologizing to the pro-fascist Brooklyn Tablet after a student called the sheet "isolationist," was protested by 1,000 members and friends of the Teachers Union at a forum May 19. Also scored was Wade's reprimand of the teacher who supervised a school assembly in which the student spoke.

The union charged Wade's action discourages open discussion of vital issues and strengthens the nation's enemies. It called on Wade to encourage a citywide program for racial and religious equality and to promote student understanding of democracy.

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Voices in the Debris Near Cisterna Under Nazi Shells

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY BEFORE CISTERNA, Italy, May 24 (Delayed) (UP).—There were eight of us in an old stone house looking into Cisterna, when four German artillery shells brought rubble down from the walls and ceiling.

We scattered. I lay on the floor against a wall, choking on the swirling white dust and waiting for the fifth shell.

Outside the house, blood-red poppies, waved in the breeze.

I was startled by the voice of Capt. Leonard Weisenburg of North Hollywood, Cal., who in the midst of the shelling had launched into a monologue from behind a pile of debris.

When the shelling started, Capt. Weisenburg and Col. Everett Duval of Spokane, Wash., had been talking from the stone house by field telephone to American squads lying in the tall grass and captured German dugouts several hundred yards ahead of us, closer to Cisterna. Leaders of patrols were returning with reports for Duval.

Also in the house were Pvt. Patrick Christanzia, Rochester, N. Y.; Cpl. Arthur T. Schoerner, Alice, Tex.; Pfc. Charles Chaney, Woodbridge, N. J.; Pvt. Steve Futuluchek, Troy, N. Y.; Sgt. Bill Cuccinillo, Chelsea, Mass., and Homer Bigart, of the New York Herald Tribune.

ANOTHER SHELL

The second shell hit the house high on a corner, a jarring blow that sprayed debris. Somebody yelled: "I'm getting the hell out of here." Homer Bigart dived through a hole in a wall. The others scattered through a door, heading for a trench outside.

I had an agonizing moment of indecision and then the Germans made up my mind. They hit the house twice more, tumbling wood and stone down on me.

It was then that Weisenburg

started his monologue.

"I knew it," he said. "Standing around out there lighting cigarettes, forgetting there's a war on."

"I wish I was a civilian."

"But what the hell, you're a civilian, and here you are."

"I mean I wish I was a postwar civilian. Jostwar."

I had twisted around in an awkward position and was staring at Weisenburg.

"What's the matter," he asked, "you get hit?"

I told him I wasn't hit and we didn't talk anymore. Just waited for the fifth shell.

The silence was broken by a muffled ringing. Weisenburg dug around in a pile of debris and came up with the ringing phone which he answered.

"That was my outpost," he said. "They saw the fire take after us and just wanted to know if the line

was still working. Damned funny people."

Another telephone started ringing from under another heap of rubble and Weisenburg motioned for me to answer it.

A calm voice on the other end of the line began asking me technical questions.

"I don't know anything," I said, "I'm a war correspondent."

"What the hell are you doing there," the voice asked.

"Brother," I said, just before handing the telephone to Weisenburg, "I'm getting the hell out."

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LOW DOWN

Baksi's Determination vs. Savold's Left Tonight

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There's going to be a heavyweight prize fight at the Garden this evening and even though neither of the men in the ring can be called a reasonable facsimile of Joe Louis, it should be fun. It's always fun when you put the big boys in a small space and tell 'em to go to it.

The average fight fan prescribes to the theory of the good offensive being the best defensive and the gentleman who can explode a fist in the face of an opponent will always outdraw by a wide margin the oh-so-clever boxer and dancer.

Not that Lee Savold and Joe Baksi, the protagonists for the evening, can generate too great an explosion. But still, when you carry 200 pounds on your bones, you can make noise like the Fourth and that's what Mike Jacobs' paying guests would like to see tonight.

According to the rumors coming out of Madam Bey's Solarium for Sockers, Mr. Baksi is in tip-top shape for this rematch with the lacing lefthander Savold. The ex-miner, who has lots of ambition and some talent, has been working very hard they say and is all ready to muss up the blond and very pretty face of Lee the Left. You'll remember the circumstances surrounding their first fight.

Baksi was dizzy with success over thumping Tami Mauriello. Added to this was the fact that he was newly married. The combination, it seems, wasn't conducive to good fighting, for although he tried as earnestly as ever, Joe couldn't evade the cute left hook and jab that Savold used all night.

This, however, is another night and another fight and Mr. Savold cannot trot his clippings into the ring and expect Baksi to be awed by them. He's got to win this one all over again for, the memory of man being as short as it is, Baksi is not agreed that Lee is the master.

For that matter, neither are we although we do not exactly rate Baksi with Jack Johnson, Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis.

But the young, broadshouldered man is ambitious and you'd be surprised how far you can go on ambition these days. 'Tis said Savold doesn't like to work hard when the going gets rough. Of the fights he has had in New York, we'd be inclined to agree with this observation. But in his first fight with Baksi Savold did not lose his inspiration in the latter rounds. Indeed, he was belting just as beautifully in the tenth as he had been in the second.

It should be pointed out that Baksi wasn't too difficult to belt in that fight. Never a swan when it comes to grace, Baksi was as active that night as shoe shine kid on a rainy day. He wanted to do the right thing, undoubtedly, but by the time he decided to do one thing, Savold had done another. On brief occasions Baksi did create an interesting flurry but whenever it seemed as if he might make things distressing for Savold, that gentleman would lash out with a left to the schnozzola and call a halt to the proceedings. If you've ever been nipped on the nose you'll know just how uncomfortable it can be.

After coming this far, you probably want to know who's going to win. Frankly I don't know. It's been so long since we've seen a fight. But we can guess and our guess is that Mr. Baksi is going to be a very determined young man tonight and left or no left, is going to get in enough lumps on his own to win.

And if we're wrong it'll be the very, very first time, won't it?

The Adventures of Richard

Kicking the Can Around

By Mike Singer

Don't play Kicking the Can from off the corner, we warned. Cars, sewers, jaywalkers. Dangerous business, you know. Where shall we play then? the young ogres inquired. In the middle of the block we eagerly advised.

We should have kept our big yaps shut!

Since the kids shifted their "Cans" an incomplete tabulation in a week of flying tin and melee shows:

1) One busted window from a 32-point giant size can.

2) One broken headlight in Mr. Grogan's Buick.

3) A crew haircut for Mr. Soloway, neatly clipped by a flying Del Monte tomato juice can (42 points).

4) One near-skinned cat. Once the best fence-walker in the business, it now is always falling off the curb.

When the neighbors first saw No-Nose's tin can—which once must have held a small-size whale—they demanded storm windows from the landlord. And yesterday Mr. Geezleman turned the corner, took one look at the goings on, and scooted down the nearest cellar. Not until he had made his way safely into his house by way of the backyard and fire-escape, did he breathe again. For an hour afterwards he screamed about salvage being a

serious business and what's the name front coming to, anyway.

Richard, No-Nose, Menasher and Flekel usually play against Jimmy, Goober, Towhead and Fatso. The murderous row line up on the curb and kick four (4) cans simultaneously. The theory is for the team in the gutter to retrieve all four cans and reach the opposite curb before the kickers. If they do the sides reverse positions. So much for the game.

Flekel likes the flat-top salmon cans. "They cut your legs off," he gloats like a scientist with a death ray. No-Nose uses a weapon that will literally kill a horse. We saw Fatso stop one of No-Nose's boot-cans with his left ear and today it looks like an eggplant. Menasher's favorite is a Heinz baked-bean number.

Richard's powder puff-rouge-lipstick compact has been blackballed. Jimmy caught it with his Adam's apple and is now eating steak through a straw.

We are desperately petitioning the kids to go back to the street corner where there are cars, sewers and jaywalkers.

Second Sackers Needed Most in Major Leagues

Baseball men used to say that good catchers were hardest to find. But this year most major league managers would settle for the catchers that they have if they could find a good second baseman.

After one month of play, no fewer than 34 players have tried their hand at second for the 16 big league clubs. No other position has experienced such a turnout.

Only two of the 16 opening-day second basemen, Don Gutteridge of the St. Louis Browns and Bobby Doerr of the Boston Red Sox, were holdovers from last year. The others were either rookie players transferred from other positions or those who occupied utility roles last season.

Doerr is one of the six who started the season at second base and has appeared in every contest to date without substitution. The others are Emil Verban, St. Louis Cardinals; Woody Williams, Cincinnati Reds; George Stinewiss, New York Yankees; George Myatt, Washington Senators, and Roy Schalk, Chicago White Sox.

Ed Stone Joins Philly Stars

Ed Stone, one of the five leading batters of the Negro National League for the past six years, will lend his punch to the Philadelphia Stars for the first time in the Yankee Stadium Sunday. Just obtained from the Newark Eagles, he will play left field in both games of a double header with the powerful New York Cubans. Dave Barnhill, of the Cubans, will be seeking his second straight win of the season.

RADIO

WMCA—570 Kc.
WEAF—680 Kc.
WOR—710 Kc.
WJZ—730 Kc.
WNY—750 Kc.
WABC—880 Kc.
WINS—1040 Kc.

WEN—1050 Kc.
WNEW—1150 Kc.
WLIR—1190 Kc.
WQV—1290 Kc.
WEVD—1350 Kc.
WNY—1450 Kc.
WQXR—1550 Kc.

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Road of Life
WOR—News; Talks; Music
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WABC—News; Recorded Music
WABC—Honeydew Hill
WQXR—Talk; Alma Detlinger
11:15-WEAF—Vic and Sade
WABC—Second Husband
11:30-WEAF—Brave Tomorrow
WOR—Quiz Wizard
WJZ—News; Baby Institute
WABC—Bright Horizon
WQXR—Concert Music
11:45-WEAF—David Harum
WOR—What's Your Idea?
WJZ—Aunt Jenny's Stories
11:55-WQXR—News; Luncheon Music

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—News; Recorded Music
WJZ—Noon Day Meditation
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat
12:15-WOR—Mealtime Melodies
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad
WABC—Big Sister—Sketch
12:25-WJZ—News; Farm-Home Hour
12:30-WEAF—U. S. Marine Band
WOR—News; Juke Box
WABC—Helen Trent
12:45-WABC—Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WABC—News; Bartol Orchestra
WJZ—H. R. Baukhage, News
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
1:15-WJZ—Women's Exchange Show
WABC—Ma Perkins
1:30-WOR—Lopez Orchestra
WABC—Bernardine Flynn, News
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Bastis, News
WABC—American Woman's Jury
WJZ—Girl Back Home
WABC—The Goldbergs

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—Talk—Martha Deane
WJZ—News Comments
WABC—Portia Faces Life
WQXR—Mitchell Field Band
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children
WJZ—Mystery Chef
WABC—Joyce Jordan
2:30-WEAF—Light of the World
WOR—News; Consumer Quiz
WJZ—Ed East and Polly
WABC—Young Dr. Malone
WQXR—Greenroom Music
2:45-WEAF—Talk—Betty Crocker
WABC—A Woman of America
3:00-WEAF—The Black Castle
WOR—Morton Downey, Songs
WABC—Mary Martin
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins
WOR—Sunny Skylar, Songs
WJZ—Appointment With Life
WABC—News; Bob Trout
WMCA—Broadway—Ethel Colby
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young
WOR—Dr. Eddy's Food Forum
WABC—Now and Forever

— 21 Won and 9 Lost —

Make No Predictions, Says Cards' Southworth

That Team—the St. Louis Cardinals—is in town. It's hardly necessary to mention the name when you speak of That Team. For in this war year only the Cardinals offer pro-war baseball. On their

roster today are such stars as Mort and Walker Cooper, Max Lanier, Ray Sanders, Marty Marion, George Kuroski, Danny Litwiler, Pepper Martin, Stan Musial, Harry Gumbert, Debs Garms and a raft of smart youngsters.

Billy Southworth was sitting on the arm of a chair in the Hotel New Yorker lobby yesterday afternoon. Mort Cooper sat beside him. Billy's arm lay over the broad shoulders of the husky star as he said: "This may be a rainy day, but I call it morale day."

"The Cards don't need much morale, do they?" I hinted.

"Every team does all the time," Billy replied. The little manager is unusual in that he forever mingles with his "boys," as he calls them. He runs his team as one big boy's club, even although among his youngsters is the 40-year-old not so Wild Horse of the Orsage, Pepper Martin himself.

"We've got so many youngsters on the team that the older boys, like Mort here, have to do their bit in seeing that the newcomers aren't homesick and know their way around," said Billy.

Here's a general picture of the Cards as they finish with the Dodgers today, then go to the Polo Grounds for a weekend series with the Giants:

Mort Cooper is still having trouble with his arm. It has never recovered fully from the operation of three years ago. Stan Musial and Danny Litwiler are awaiting a

call to the Army in from 30 to 90 days. Harry Gumbert, who is 30, may last the season.

Max Lanier, who has won six straight games, is bothered with mild appendix trouble, but will not be operated on until after the season.

The new keystone combination of Marion and Emil Verban is the sensation of baseball. Verban, 4F because of ear trouble, is nearly as tall as Marty. Together they scoop up everything on the ground near or over second base.

Says Billy: "The kind of baseball I have seen thus far this season has been remarkable good, considering that so few new men are around. We've had to fight for every game. If we lose Musial, Litwiler, Gumbert and Munger, we'll have our trouble keeping our heads above water."

One thing is sure... the Southworth style of management is bound to bring results. Never was a club more united in its determination to play clean, winning ball than the Cards. They present a solid line-up of star players, with super-pitching from rookies Wilk, Jurisch, Munger and Breechen, backed up the veterans: Cooper, Lanier and Gumbert.

"Just now," said Billy, "I won't make any predictions. No one can today."

But you could tell by his quiet air of confidence that he's not worrying where the Cards will finish next October.

Radio Concerts

2:30-3:55 P.M. WQXR—Music of Erna Bloch, pianist-composer
7:55-9 P.M. WNYC (also FM)—Masterwork Hour
8-8:30 P.M. WEAF (also FM)—Lucille

Manners, soprano
8-9 P.M. WQXR (also FM)—Symphony Hall
9-9:30 P.M. WEAF (also FM)—Frank Munn, tenor

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—Frank Munn, Tenor; Evelyn MacGregor, Contralto
WOR—Gabriel Heatter, News
WJZ—Gang Busters
WABC—It Pays to Be Ignorant
WQXR—Worldwide News
9:15-WOR—Return of Nick Carter
9:30-WEAF—People Are Funny—Quiz
WOR—Double or Nothing—Quiz
WJZ—Spotlight Band
WABC—That Brewster Boy
WMCA—Norman Jay, Talk
WQXR—Musical Festival
9:45-WMCA—Recorded Music
9:55-WJZ—Short Story
WQXR—News; Concert Music
10:00-WEAF—Amos 'n' Andy—Comedy
WOR—Boxing: Joe Baksi vs. Lee Savold, Madison Square Garden
WJZ—Leland Stowe, News
WABC—Garry Moore; Jimmy Durante, Comedy
WMCA—News; Man of Magic
10:15-WJZ—Top of the Evening
WQXR—Beatrice Mery, Soprano
10:30-WEAF—Sports, Bill Stern
WJZ—Letter to Your Service Man
WABC—Stage Door Canteen
WMCA—Frank Kingdom, Talk
10:45-WEAF—To Be Announced
WJZ—Kay Lorraine, Songs
11:00-WEAF, WOR—News; Music
WJZ, WABC—News; Music
11:30-WEAF—Author's Playhouse
WJZ—Kay Arnes, Songs
WABC—Mrs. Miniver—Play
12:00-WEAF, WABC—News; Music
WJZ, WMCA—News; Music

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Film Front

Danielle Darrieux
Is a Dead Duck

By David Platt

I see that some of our best papers have been playing up the phony DNB (Nazi) news agency broadcast of the alleged hold-up of the Vichy screen actress Danielle Darrieux. If the lady was robbed it was planned by the Gestapo to create sympathy for her abroad. The ex-French actress is on the black-list of the French Underground. Sentence of death has been passed on her for collaborating with Nazi film producers and "emptying bottles of champagne in the company of people who wore swastikas on their coat lapels."



DIES IN HOLLYWOOD

Barbara Stanwyck has joined the Motion Picture Alliance to Preserve Hoover Ideals. . . . Louella Parsons, the Hearst movie snoop, thinks Martin Dies is the logical man to head the Alliance in view of his "determined and persistent" red-baiting. . . . We agree with the gay illiterate that Dies could be of "inestimable value" in guiding the affairs of the Alliance along the shortest path to Hitler's arms. . . . Louella is right on the (8) ball as usual. . . . She says "the hottest rumor of the year" is that Dies has already accepted the offer "reported to have been made him, to head the Alliance." . . . This is Louella's biggest moment since Dec. 8, 1941, the day the United States declared war on Japan, when she dipped her pen in raspberry syrup and wrote: "Next to Barbara Stanwyck's legs, Richard Haydn's performance as the botany professor in Ball of Fire is getting the most comment on the coast."

MEMO TO WINCHELL

Does Walter Winchell know that NEO censored his name out of the anti-Peace Now radio script recently put on by the cast of Mr. District Attorney. . . . In one scene of the play, a member of the negotiated peace club gets up at a meeting to ask: "What are we going to do about the Russians?" . . . Originally the line read: "What are we going to do about Walter Winchell?" . . . More than five hundred copies of the Lewis Allan anti-lynch song Strange Fruit have been sold by the Edward B. Marks Music Corp. since the appearance of

Elizabeth Smith's best selling novel Strange Fruit. . . . Arnold (Telegram from Heaven) Manoff's newest writing chore is a fictionalized account of the rise of Henry J. Kaiser, the win-the-war ship-builder. . . . It will be released soon as The Man From Frisco. . . . Every studio in Hollywood set up a clothing collection depot for the Clothing for Russia drive which began last week. . . . The coming Artkino (Soviet) film People Avengers is the first film to be completely photographed behind the enemy lines by any United Nations cameramen. . . .

THE WAR AT A GLANCE

The Treasury Department is hoping that the Fifth War Loan may become the First Victory Loan some time before the opening of the bond drive on June 12. . . . Here's hoping. . . . The French Underground reports that Allied air raids have flattened more than 130 movie houses in France. . . . Those not blitzed are being used to shelter air-raid victims. . . . In Brussels, a theatre audience broke into "a fit of laughter, coughing, snorts and murmurs" during a newsreel of Leon Degrelle, the Belgian Hitler. . . . Another good sign. . . . Budapest is boycotting Nazi films. . . . Not so good is the news that the March of Time film Inside Fascist Spain has been banned in Cairo at the request of the Egyptian censorship.

LAURA STONE WRITES

"I agree with you that the RKO newsreel on Dieppe was disturbing. But did you see the Paramount newsreel on the same subject? Even though it showed the captured German film, it antisepticized it with a commentary that made the film valueless as anti-second front propaganda by giving facts and figures, not only on the events that took place at Dieppe but on what we can expect in shipping, manpower, tanks, planes and armaments, in an invasion. It is too bad that RKO could not follow this healthy example and I think it would be a good idea to impress on RKO executives that its newsreel can only serve the cause of the Axis."

Music

Gay Operas in English

An Evening of Gay Operas in English, produced and directed by Felix Brentano, was offered by the New Opera Company at the Alvin Theater last Sunday night. The two one act comic operas or "operas buffa," in musical terminology, were Pergolesi's 18th century La Serva Padrona (The Maid as Mistress) and Wolf-Ferrari's The Secret of Suzanne.

The New Opera Company which was organized to give young opera singers much needed opportunity for experience in their chosen field-points to the state of opera and the lack of opera companies throughout our country. Opera in America has not yet become a vital force in our times; its subject matter, its libretti, with one or two exceptions, has not spoken of our national heroes nor reflected the progressive needs and ideals of our people.

INFLUENCE OF PEOPLE

In the 17th century opera grew out of cantatas and "were little more than lectures on Roman history set to recitatives with occasional aria. They were for the pleasure of the upper classes. But as the century grew older and audiences began to include the common people they demanded a change in subject matter. Temples and palaces changed to sights known to everyone, while fishermen, townspeople, and street characters, stepped on the stage in the place of divinities and historical characters." Love songs, comic songs, duets, trios and the orchestral music began to breathe and sing of life and the people.

The Maid as Mistress, tells of a smart, coquettish servant girl who finally inveigles her wealthy bachelor lord to marry her. It was written as an "intermezzo"—a vivacious interlude between two acts of a serious opera—which was the style of the day, by Pergolesi who died of consumption at the early age of 26. This work served as a model for the development of the comic opera.

Mr. Brentano added a spoken prologue and a Minuet. In place of the orchestra, he had a string quartet and harpsichord on the stage in the costume of the period.

SUZANNE'S SECRET

The Secret of Suzanne was nothing more startling than that Suzanne, unknown to a jealous husband smoked Turkish cigarettes. The odor in the room caused him to suspect his newlywed of having a lover. Hugh Thompson and Brenda Lewis sang beautifully and ended the opera with the line "something new has been added."

Yes, again Mr. Brentano intruded. He added a "psychological" something. While Suzanne lay on her couch smoking and singing her lovely aria, a voluptuous "dance vision" was enacted on a darkened part of the stage.

The orchestra performed deftly and with good taste under the direction of David Broekman.



Russian Patriarch Buried: Funeral procession in Moscow for Metropolitan Sergei, late Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia, who died last week. During the services he was referred to as a great Russian patriot who called upon members of the church to resist the Nazi invader.

Mrs. Melchior

Honorary Riveter

Last week Lauritz Melchior, heroic tenor of the Metropolitan Opera, received two honors of a widely different nature on two continents. The choir of La Plata University in Buenos Aires elected the tenor to honorary life membership in their organization and informed Melchior that the honor was "by unanimous vote and applause and many gritos."

Within a few days, Melchior was given the title Honorary Test Pilot by the Douglas Aircraft Plant in Oklahoma City for three appearances at the plant and one at the field hospital, during which he sang to thousands of workers. Mrs. Melchior, who christened the C-47 Sabbath Warrior, received the title Honorary Riveter.

Friday Calendar

Make Your Own Bed, a Warner Brothers comedy starring Jack Carson, Jane Wyman and Irene Manning at the Strand.

MUSIC

Music of Four Centuries, presented by the Music Teachers' Committee of the Teachers Union, Carnegie Music Hall, 8:40 p.m. Ray Lev, piano, and Sterling Hunkins, 'cello. People's Chorus of New York, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, evening. Director, L. Camilleri.

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Frieda Hempel Sings For Servicemen

Miss Frieda Hempel, opera and concert star, will sing for servicemen at the Music Box Canteen, 68 Fifth Ave., on Friday evening, May 26.

Met Soprano Leads

In Cross-Country Tour

Doris Doree, Metropolitan Opera soprano, will be a leading member of the Wagner Opera Company for its seven-week cross-country tour, beginning Oct. 1. In the course of the tour, Miss Doree will sing all three female roles in La Traviata, Violetta, Annina and Flora, as well as leading roles in other operas.

At the Academy

The Purple Heart is now at the Skouras Academy of Music Theatre, 14 St. at Irving Pl. On the same program is Seven Days Ashore, a musicale.

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These successes—the third group announced this month—raised to 573 the number of Japanese ships sunk by U.S. submarines.

In addition, 36 Japanese ships are listed as probably sunk and 115 as damaged.

Soviet Planes Sink 2 Transports

LONDON, May 25 (UP).—Soviet naval planes sank two German transports, one of 4,000 tons and one of 3,000 tons, in the Gulf of Finland Wednesday night, a Soviet communique said tonight.

The communique, recorded from a Moscow radio broadcast, said there had been no important changes on the Eastern Front. It reported 17 German planes shot down in air combat Wednesday.

Report Nazis Seize Bulgar Fleet

LONDON, May 25 (UP).—Strong formations of German troops were reported tonight to be massing on the Bulgarian frontier as the Moscow radio broadcast dispatches asserting that the Axis satellite already was under virtually complete Nazi domination.

The United Nations radio at Algiers broadcast a report that the Germans had taken over the entire Bulgarian fleet in the Black Sea port of Burgas and were erecting fortifications there. Additional German troops were said to have arrived in Sofia, and Field Marshal Baron Maximilian von Weichs reportedly is inspecting Nazi units already inside the country.

Braves, Athletics, Browns Win

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PITTSBURGH 000 000 000—0 3 0
BOSTON 100 000 00x—1 6 0
St. Louis, Rescigno (8) and Lopez, Davis (8); Javery and Klutz.
CHICAGO at PHILADELPHIA, postponed, rain.
CINCINNATI at NEW YORK, postponed, rain.
ST. LOUIS at BROOKLYN, postponed, wet grounds.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

PHILADELPHIA 000 000 110—2 10 0
DETROIT 000 000 000—0 3 1
Harris and Hayes; Gorsica, Newhouser (9) and Richards, Swift (9).
BOSTON 000 000 200—2 7 0
ST. LOUIS 000 120 00x—3 7 1
Hughson, Ryba (6) and Wagner; Muncie and Mancuso.
NEW YORK at CHICAGO, postponed, rain.

It Was Yankee Doodle Dandy Day In Italy When Our Armies Joined

ANZIO BEACHHEAD, May 25 (UP).—Along with such famous greetings as what the governor of South Carolina said to the governor of North Carolina, you can now put down what the second lieutenant said to the three-star general today.

"This is fine," said Gen. Mark W. Clark fervently.

"I am --- glad to be here, sir," replied Second Lieut. Francis Buckley, 31, of 2631 Catherine St., Phila.

And they shook on it.

It was the official juncture of the Fifth Army forces from the south and the Allied beachhead from the north at 10:15 A.M. today in the Pontine marshes.

Next to the capture of Rome, it undoubtedly will go down as one of the happiest days in the life of Gen. Clark. He was a happy man, and he showed it.

Since last Sept. 9, he and his men had been fighting the Germans in Italy, in bad weather and on bad terrain. He had seen his divisions whittled away in savage battles atop the Apennines and in the broad valleys. He had seen his army put ashore at Anzio where it fought and bled for four months.

THIS WAS THE DAY

And now this was the day. His armies had joined, and they were beating the Germans on two fronts.

Actually, the first meeting took place at 31 minutes past seven this morning, when Sgt. Leland Grossman, 22, of Salem, S. D., an American army engineer, approached a Yank on the other side.

"Who the hell are you?" challenged the doughboy.

"Well, I'll be ---," exclaimed Grossman. "I'm of --- Engineers. We're making history."

CBS correspondent Eric Sevareid reported in a broadcast today that the first two Fifth Army men to meet were Lt. Francis Buckley, coming from the south, and Capt. Ben Zimmmer.

Grossman insisted that his buddy, Corp. Anton Skibitski, 23, of Perham, Minn., share the historic honors.

JEEP CAVALCADE

Sometime later, a cavalcade of Jeeps led by Gen. Clark arrived at the spot in a cloud of dust for the official union of the Fifth Army. Nearby stood two German prisoners guarded by two American infantrymen who had rooted them out of a house shortly before the general arrived. Smiling broadly, Gen. Clark hopped from the jeep and took the salute from Buckley, of company B, --- engineers, who promptly poured his feeling into the salty welcome.

The general had to shake hands with Buckley three times for the photographers, but he appeared to be very happy to oblige them. The Fifth Army commander then moved around among his men and at least half a dozen trotted up, grabbed his hand, and shook it.

It was originally planned for the British to meet the Americans. A British reconnaissance unit had been assigned to carry it out, but the Yank engineer couldn't wait and they staged a 100 per cent American show.

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Members of the Polish Army Corps in the USSR are shown giving a genial greeting to Professor Oscar Lange, of Chicago (right), who recently arrived from the United States. At left is Lieutenant General Sigmund Berling, commander of the Polish Army. —Sovfoto Radiophoto.

By a Veteran Commander

YANKS JOIN HANDS

AMERICAN patrols have made contact on the coastal road between the (erstwhile) Anzio beachhead and Terracina. Thus the famous beachhead is no more: it is now the left flank of our (erstwhile) main front, thrust forward like a 40-mile-long finger toward the plain at the mouth of the Tiber. This finger is very thin at present, especially in the region of the Pontine Marshes. Because the junction was made near the sea instead of inland from the Via Appia, the Germans were obviously able to withdraw from the Terracina-Pontine Marshes trap and are reported to have removed their artillery, which was lined up roughly along the right-of-way of the coastal railroad.

The configuration of the front is now such that the Germans have the alternative of either counterattacking in force from Frosinone and Velletri in a general southerly direction in order to cut off our "finger," or—retreat to the so-called "Rome Line," running from Avezzano to Valmontone, Velletri, and from there to the mouth of the Tiber which near its mouth is by far the widest river we have yet encountered in Italy. This is the line we have always considered to be the German main line of resistance. At the foot of the Albano Hills it is only 12-13 miles from Rome and offers the Germans the advantage of forcing us to fire on Rome. We could avoid such an unpleasant necessity by either landing somewhere northwest of Rome, or cracking the line far to the east of Rome, i.e., in the region of Trasacco and Avezzano, where a system of drainage canals and reservoirs would complicate our operations.

It is doubtful whether the Germans will risk their last reserves in a counter-

blow at our extended left flank. It is much more probable that Kesselring will pull back to the above-described line. He can do this without much difficulty, thanks to the stubborn defense of his troops near Pontecorvo and Piedimonte. Back of these points the Germans have the road-fork of Ceperano, which will permit a withdrawal to Valmontone and Avezzano.

ALLIED AIR FORCES set a new record Wednesday by flying between 7,500 and 8,000 sorties in 24 hours, hitting widely scattered targets including three capitals—Berlin, Paris and Vienna.

General Eisenhower has broadcast his third operational order to the European underground, asking for detailed, accurate military intelligence. On the other side of Europe, the Red Army got the following radio message from Moscow: "Soon you will be called upon to accomplish the liberation of Soviet territory and also to liberate other European nations from the German fascist oppressors." This message would fit action on any sector of the Eastern Front. So here you are. . . .

IN SPITE of the monsoons, the North Burma campaign is progressing satisfactorily. On the India front the Japanese have not shown any activity in the last day or so.

On the Honan front, in spite of a Japanese broadcast announcing the capture of Loyang (utterly unconfirmed from Chinese sources), the situation continues with a favorable trend, as reported by us yesterday. It is NOT GOOD YET, but the chances for further improvement are fair.

